

Overview of the Regional Water Availability Rule



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What will the rule do?

- Prohibits additional direct or indirect withdrawals from the C&SF project by uses located within the LEC urban areas

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- Exceptions:
 - Wet condition flows that are demonstrated not to be needed for the Everglades restoration
 - Historic uses that meet conditions of issuance
 - Project water that has been certified by Board as available for consumptive use
 - Transitional temporary use while alternatives are being constructed

What is the Basis of this Rule Direction

- **Public interest in:**
 - **Avoiding competition for water supply**
 - **Everglades restoration**
 - **Diversification/efficiency of water use**
- **Uncertainty in supply**

Is this a Reservation of Water?

- Rule being promulgated under District's public interest authority not reservation authority
- Withholds from allocation additional water from the C&SF project
- Does not quantify water for protection of fish and wildlife
- The public interest basis for the rule includes assurance that Water supply will exist for Everglades resoration

How will it be Implemented?

- Permit applications
 - Demonstrate that historic use meets criteria for issuance
 - Demonstrates that increase doesn't include direct or indirect C&SF water
 - If no; OK
 - If yes; develop schedule for offset or alternative source
 - If wet condition water is proposed, applicant must demonstrate water not need for complete CERP